

In the claims

On the line preceding the claims, insert -- What is claimed is: --

Please cancel claims 1-9 without prejudice.

Claim 10, line 1, change "The compounds" to -- A compound --.

Claim 12, line 1, before "compound" change "The" to -- A --.

Claim 14, line 1, before "compound" change "The" to -- A --.

Claim 15, line 1, before "compound" change "The" to -- A --.

Claim 17, line 1, before "compound" change "The" to -- A --.

Claim 19, line 1, before "compound" change "The" to -- A --.

Claim 21, line 1, before "compound" change "The" to -- A --.

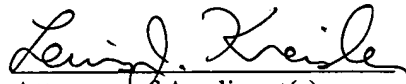
Claim 23, line 1, before "compound" change "The" to -- A --.

Claim 25, line 1, before "compound" change "The" to -- A --.

REMARKS

By this Amendment all claims, other than claims 10-27, have been canceled. Therefore claims 10-27 are pending. The independent claims have been amended to begin with the indefinite article. Entry of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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